THE Royal Fiſhing REVIVED.

Wherein is Demonſtrated,

From what Cauſes the *Dutch* have upon the matter Engroſſed the Fiſhing Trade in His Majeſties Seas, wherein the Principles of all the Trades they drive in the World are chiefly founded: As alſo from what Cauſes the *Engliſh* have loſt the Fiſhing Trade, to the endangering the ſmall Remainder of the Trades they yet enjoy. Together with Expedients by which the Fiſhing Trade may be Redeemed by the *Engliſh*; and Propoſals for carrying on ſo great a Work.

Humbly offered to the Conſideration of the

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9. A great debt was owing to *Burlemachie* for which he was willing to accept of a Lease of the Sugars, for satisfaction of above 50000. l. which though it was thought a hard bargaine to him, yet he well knowing how to mannage it, of his owne accord after the bargaine made, without contract or demand proferred your Servant 10000. l. wherewith he acquainted your Majesty, and by your approbation accepted it, and there was paid unto him ——— } 9000. L

10. Mr. *Fanshew*, for the Office of Clerk of the Crowne——— 1000.
11. Sir *Allen Apslye* at severall times ——— 4000.
12. Of the Earle of *Barkeshire* for the Green-wax——— 1000.

13. Of Sir *Arthur Ingram* for the changing of his lives for his Patent of the Secretaryship of *York*——— } 2000.
14. Of Sir *Corn: Vermuden* for my part of adventure in the Leadmynes, which he allowed, and afterwards redeemed of me——— } 6000.

15. Of Mrs. *Bagnall* for her Ward——— 500.
16. The third part of the Imposition upon Coles——— 4000.

I have taken all these severall particulars into my Consideration, and doe acknowledge your cleare and true dealing with me in the matters and summes above mentioned, and in acquainting me with them, from time to time and weighing with my selfe the good service you have done me in the Treasurership, and the great charge you have and must be at in the sustaining of that place, I do approve and allow of all these monyes by you, to your owne use, in all amounting to 44500. l. sterling.

At *Hampton* Court the 21. of *October*, 1634.

CHARLES R.

This Paper was Copied out by the Arch-Bishops *owne hand, with this Endorsement:* Rece. April 5. 1635. by which you may discerne, that
X Lord Treasurers knew how to enrich themselves by suits and bribes.

FINIS.

THE Royal Fishing REVIVED.

Wherein is Demonstrated,

From what Causes the *Dutch* have upon the matter Engrossed the Fishing Trade in His Majesties Seas, wherein the Principles of all the Trades they drive in the World are chiefly founded: As also from what Causes the *English* have lost the Fishing Trade, to the endangering the small Remainder of the Trades they yet enjoy. Together with Expedients by which the Fishing Trade may be Redeemed by the *English*; and Proposals for carrying on so great a Work.

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THE

Royal Fiſhing

REVIVED.

ADvantages the *Dutch* have in the Fiſhing Trade, with the Reaſons of them; *viz.*

1. Multitudes of Men, above any other Nation.

2. Cheapneſs of Building all ſorts of Ships for this Trade, above any other place.

3. Their Convenient Building Ships for this Trade, above any other place.

4. Greatneſs of Vent in Foreign Trade for all ſorts of Commodities, returned in barter for their Fiſh, above any other place.

5. Their excellency in Packing and Curing all

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ſorts of Fiſh, (except Red-Herrings) above any other place.

The Reaſons.

1. Their multitudes of Mariners and Fiſhermen proceed not from the conveniency of their Coaſts, for all the Fiſh they take are generally upon the Coaſts of *England*, *Scotland*, and the *Orchades*; and ſo might be more conveniently caught by us: Nor from the conveniency of their Harbours; ours in number and excellency far exceeding theirs: But from the freedom that they give people of all Nations above any other place; whereby thoſe people enjoying what they deſire, and being kept in conſtant imployments, are no way ſubject to Sedition or Murmure againſt the State: to the incomparable ſtrengthening as well as inriching thereof.

2ly. The cheapneſs of their building Ships for this Trade, proceeds 1. From the great quantities and cheapneſs of Timber they have down the *Rhyne* and *Maze*, as alſo out of *Norway*, and the *Baltick* Sea; in return of the Fiſh and other Commodities vented there by them. 2ly. Cheapneſs of Pitch, Tarr, Hemp, and Iron, *&c.* above any other place, which are in great meaſures returned upon the product of their Fiſh. 3ly. Lowneſs for Intereſt of Money, above any other place.

3 ly. Their convenient building Ships for this Trade, is from the encouragement and freedom they give to all ſorts of Builders of all Nations, whereby ingenuity

ingenuity and industry is improved, as also the Builders, above any other place.

4ly. The greatness of Vent of all sorts of Commodities, returned in product of the Fish, is from the lowness of their Customs for the same, and lowness of Interest Money; conveniency and cheapness of Shipping, above any other place.

5ly. The excellency and reputation of Curing and Packing their Fish, proceeds from the carefull inspection of the States of the *United Netherlands*, above any other place: and their Curing on Shipboard, and then Re-packing.

These Advantages have been in process of time so well improved by the *Dutch*, that they have not only gained to themselves almost the sole Fishing in his Majesties Seas; but principally upon this account have very near beat us out of all our other most profitable Trades in all parts of the World: Nor have the *English* any reason to hope to retain the residue of those Trades, which they yet enjoy, unless they may be relieved in the Fishing Trade, from these Disadvantages and Inconveniences following: which are,

1. Scarcity of people: Although the Coast of *England*, with a limitation of five miles from it, will maintain more people than all the *United Netherlands*.

2ly. Dearness of building Ships for this Trade; so that a *Dutch* Ship of equal dimension, is built for half the price.

3ly. In-

3ly. Inconvenient building of Shipping: ſo as a *Dutch* Ship of equal bigneſs, is ſailed with half the hands.

4ly. Want of Vent for all ſorts of Commodities, returned in Barter for the Fiſh in Foreign Trade.

5ly. The negligent and corrupt Curing of Fiſh by the *Engliſh*, (except Red-Herrings) whereby their Reputation is far leſs than thoſe that are Cured by the *Dutch*.

The Reaſons.

1. Scarcity of people upon the Coaſt of *England*, is occaſioned by our peopling the *American* Plantations, the re-peopling *Ireland* ſince the great Maſſacre there, the late great Plague in the year 1665. and the Law againſt Naturalization, which permits no Foreigner to partake equal freedom with the *Engliſh* in this Trade; and Corporations, which reſtrains the freedom of this Trade, to the very few Freemen of them.

2ly. Dearneſs of Shipping for this Trade, proceeds 1. From the dearneſs and ſcarcity of Timber in *England*. 2ly. From the Act of Navigation, which not only reſtrains the Importation of Timber, Pitch, Tarr, Hemp, and Iron, to theſe dear built Ships, and the Ships of the Natives of the places from whence they are had, whether they have Ships or not, but alſo it gives freedom to the *Dutch* to Import all ſorts of Manufactories made of theſe Growths, which they acquire for half the price the

Engliſh

Engliſh can; whereby the *Engliſh* Nation have wholly loſt the Trade for fitting up Ships, for this or any other Trade.

3ly. The inconvenient building of Ships for this Trade, is from reſtraining the building of Ships to the *Engliſh* only, who are very few, and know no other way.

4ly. The wanting of Vent for all ſorts of Commodities, returned in Barter for Fiſh, proceeds 1. From the greatneſs of the Cuſtoms upon thoſe Commodities, which are twenty times more than in the *United Netherlands*. 2ly. The dearneſs of the Ships in which they muſt be vented. 3ly. The inconveniency of thoſe Ships, compared with the *Dutch*, for any Foreign Trade with thoſe Commodities. 4ly. The height of Intereſt of Money here in *England*, above the *United Netherlands*; ſo as beſides the height of Cuſtoms, thoſe Ships of the *Engliſh* being twice ſo dear, and ſailed with double the hands that thoſe of the *United Netherlands* are, and paying above ⅓ Intereſt more, the *Engliſh* Merchant is here neceſſarily incumbent to a threefold charge, more than the *Dutch* Merchant.

5ly. The negligent and corrupt Curing of Fiſh, caught by the *Engliſh*, proceeds from the want of a conſtant Councel of Trade, which may inſpect and govern the Fiſhing Trade.

Expe-

The Expedients whereby the Engliſh *may Redeem the Fiſhing Trade.*

1. For a ſupply of Men upon all occaſions to carry on this great Work, it is propoſed, That it may be free for all ſorts of Foreigners to partake and enjoy equal freedom, with the natural Subjects of *England*, in their Perſons and Eſtates, in the Fiſhing Trade; and that all poſſible ſecurity and encouragement be given to all ſorts of Foreigners who ſhall aſſiſt us therein.

2ly. That all Reſtraints by the Freedom of Corporations be taken away, and no perſon excluded in this Trade.

3ly. That all ſorts of Begging perſons, and all other poor people, (not ſick or impotent) may be imployed therein.

4ly. That all people Condemned for leſs Crimes than Blood, be compelled to Redeem their Crimes, and in ſome meaſure to make Compenſation by extraordinary labour in this Trade.

5ly. That all perſons in Priſon for Debt, and not able to pay, may be imployed therein.

6ly. That the Act of Navigation be Repealed, whereby all ſorts of Foreign Ships may be imployed in

in this Trade: And that it be free to import Pitch, Tarr, Hemp, Iron and Timber, whereby the *Engliſh* may be enabled to imploy all thoſe hands in fitting up Ships for this Trade, as well as the *Dutch*.

7ly. That all Cuſtoms for Commodities returned for the Fiſh vented in Foreign parts, be taken off, and an equal Exciſe to be Impoſed in lieu thereof; ſo that as multitudes and concourſe of people increaſe, and by conſequence a greater Conſumption, his Majeſties Revenue will thereby be proportionably increaſed, without any prejudice to this Trade.

8ly. That the Statute *De Donis Conditionalibus*, may ſtand in force, ſo that Fines ſhall be no Bar to the Heirs in Tail, nor Recoveries to thoſe in Remainder; whereby a Stock as well in this Trade as others, of all thoſe Moneys which are ſpent in buying and Mortgaging Land, will generate into a common Bank of Trade; and thoſe numerous companies of other Bankers, Uſurers, Scriveners, and Sollicitors, will be neceſſitated to ſeek better means of living; and thereby the vanity of Luxurious perſons, reſtrained to the bounds of their Eſtates: As alſo the Intereſt of Money will become as low here as in the *United Netherlands*.

9ly. Yet for encouraging Foreigners to inhabit and Plant, as well as Trade with us, it may be lawfull for all Foreigners to Purchaſe Lands here, to them and their Heirs; whereby the Nation would be enriched as well as peopled; and whereby vaſt

Sums of Money which are now imployed by the *Dutch* at Intereſt, to the impoveriſhing the Nation, might be converted to the enriching of it.

10ly. That all poſſible encouragement be given as well to Foreigners as Natives, for building Ships for this Trade, in *Ireland*, *Virginia*, and *New-England*.

11ly. That a conſtant Councel of Trade be erected by Parliament, which may inſpect this Trade; and during the Intervals (with his Majeſties approbation) may make By-Laws untill the next Seſſion of Parliament.

Propoſals

Propoſals for carrying on this Great Work.

1. That Commiſſioners be impowred by Act of Parliament, to enquire into all Abuſes and Deceits in the management and Government of Hoſpitals, and of all Concealments and Miſ-converſions of any part of the Revenues thereof; and that care be taken for the future to improve the Revenues of the ſaid Hoſpitals to the beſt advantage; and that all ſuch Moneys concealed or miſ-imployed, together with the Improvements and Overplus, (over and above what ſhall be neceſſarily laid out for the Maintenance and Repairs of the ſaid Hoſpitals, *&c.*) may be brought into his Majeſties Bank for carrying on the Royal Fiſhing.

2ly. That the ſaid Commiſſioners enquire what Sums of Moneys at any time have been given to Charitable Uſes, and are concealed, or have been miſ-imployed by any perſon or perſons to whoſe Truſt the ſame were committed: And that all ſuch Moneys may be brought into the Bank for carrying on the Fiſhing.

3ly. That one years value of the Annual Aſſeſſments to the Poor, may be advanced by the reſpective Pariſhes of *England*, to be imployed in buying and building convenient Houſes, and for a Stock in ſetting the Poor at Work, to carry on the Royal

Fiſhing: By means whereof the charge of maintaining the Poor in all Pariſhes, will proportionally leſſen, to the univerſal eaſement and benefit of the whole Nation.

4ly. That ſome Reaſons for altering or repealing the Statute of 43 *Eliz. c.* 2. intituled, *Who ſhall be Overſeers for the Poor, their Office, Duty and Accompts*, may be conſidered, for the benefit of the Royal Fiſhing.

5ly. That the Children of all lazie and idle perſons, living upon Foreſts, Waſts and Chaces, may be imployed in the Royal Fiſhing, and that thoſe Waſts may be improved for a Publique Good, and the Revenue ariſing thereby imployed for carrying on the Royal Fiſhing.

6ly. That all Victuallers, Haglers, Badgers, *&c.* formerly Licenſed by Mayors and Juſtices of the Peace, *&c.* may be hereafter Licenſed by Commiſſioners impowred by Act of Parliament, and the Fees and Profits ariſing thereby, be likewiſe imployed for carrying on the Royal Fiſhing.

7ly. Whereas there was obtained beyond Sea, a Grant from his Majeſty for 31 years, of the Homevent of Coals from the River of *Tyne*, upon pretence of 500 *l.* Fine, and 1838 *l.* 12 *s.* Annual Rent, when as the ſame might have been Leaſed out by his Majeſty for near 10000 *l. per annum*, if his Majeſty had been rightly informed of the value thereof; wherefore

wherefore it is propoſed, That by his Majeſties permiſſion the ſaid Grant may be vacated in Parliament: and his Majeſty be at liberty to Let it for the beſt advantage. And that his Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed, That the Improvement of the Rent thereof may go towards the ſupport of the Royal Fiſhing.

8ly. That like Duties may be Impoſed upon the vent of Coles from *Sunderland*, as are at *Newcaſtle*, to be impolyed in the Royal Fiſhing.

9ly. That all ſuch Sum or Sums of Money which ſince his Majeſties Reſtauration hath been raiſed and collected upon Subſcriptions and Benevolencies for the uſe of the Fiſhery, and do ſtill remain in the hands of the Collectors, Treaſurers and others who ought to Account for the ſame, may be forthwith reduced into his Majeſties Bank, for carrying on the Royal Fiſhing.

10ly. That his Majeſty will be Graciouſly pleaſed to Grant, That all diſcoveries within his Majeſties Gift, not yet diſcovered nor Granted away by his Majeſty, (after a reaſonable and fitting reward ſecured to the Diſcoveror or Diſcoverors out of the ſame) ſhall go towards the ſupport of the Royal Fiſhing.

11ly. That all Houſes built upon new Foundations within the City and Suburbs of *London* ſince the year 1657.

1657. (except such Houses as have been Consumed by Fire) may pay a Fine to the value of one years Rent, to be imployed towards the carrying on the Royal Fishing.

12ly. That his Majesty will be pleased to Grant, that all Fines and Forfeitures not already Granted away by his Majesty, may go towards the carrying on the Royal Fishing.

It is Humbly desired, That these Proposals may be examined and debated, and if all or any of them may be found Usefull for carrying on this great and profitable Work, further means shall be Humbly offered for promoting the same.

FINIS.